

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication that claim 22 is allowed. To expedite issuance, claims 1-7, 9-18, 20, 21 and 23-25 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, only allowed claim 22 will remain pending in this application. This amendment merely cancels claims and is therefore entitled to entry under 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1).

In view of the above, early action issuing a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 246472003920.

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